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1. [REDACTED] the former Nachrichten Kaserne on the west side of the Oder River and the north side of the Oppeln-Brieg (P 51/H 83) road, in Oppeln (P 51/J 17), was occupied by Polish tank troops. The barracks installation consisted of an unidentified number of three-story buildings and spacious garages on the west side of the barracks yard. The barracks buildings facing the street were surrounded by an iron fence. Several T-34 tanks with guns projecting far beyond the nose and without muzzle brakes were seen near the open garages. The tanks were marked with white three-digit numbers and the Polish Eagle emblem on either side of the turret. The soldiers observed in the installation wore steel-gray uniforms with open collars, black pentagonal collar patches, and black-bordered steel-gray caps with a black ribbon and black pipings on the upper cap brim. Several soldiers were engaged in repair work on the tanks. *
2. The southern section of the former Artillerie Kaserne on the southwestern perimeter of Halbendorf (P 51/J 17) quartered an artillery unit, and the northern section an infantry unit. Source believed that the troops were absent from the post. However, the installation was guarded and a Polish cabman also stated that the barracks installation was occupied. No troops were seen on the drill field west of the installation, where fire trenches had been dug. *
3. An installation of four or five 5-story warehouses guarded by military personnel was located just northwest of the cemetery west of Halbendorf. A railroad spur led to the installation.
4. The Polish district office for Public Safety was housed in the former post office just northwest of the main railroad station. Numerous KBW (Corps of Internal Security) troops were seen in the streets. Source was not able to learn the quarters of these troops or the occupation of the barracks installations in town. **

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F-3 5. A Polish citizen living in Hirschberg (O 51/G 63) prior to the
 25X1C [REDACTED] said that Soviet tank troops had been stationed
 in Oppeln until the spring of 1951 and had subsequently moved
 toward Liegnitz (O 52/B 62) where they were bivouacked in the
 woods. *

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25X1A * [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] the
 Nachrichten Kaserne 500 meters northwest of the Oppeln west
 railroad station and the former Artillerie Kaserne on the
 25X1A southwestern perimeter of Halbendorf were occupied by Soviet
 troops. [REDACTED] To date, no reports have been
 obtained indicating the transfer of Soviet troops from Oppeln.
 25X1A ** [REDACTED] Comment. A militia office was reported to have been
 stationed in the former post office on Karabinerstrasse in the
 25X1A fall of 1950. [REDACTED] This is the first
 information on a NBS unit in Oppeln. Pending further information
 confirming the transfer of Soviet troops from Oppeln, it is
 considered possible that more barracks installations, which had
 previously been occupied by Soviet troops, have been vacated for
 Polish troops.

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